

BEN SETH

LAMBETH

BORN : ¹⁴February ~~14th~~ 1867 (1868 also given) and ⁴Feb. ~~4th~~ ^{years} as date of birth *also given*)

DIED

Note In May 1922 stated to be living in Balaclava, Melbourne, Australia and was a prosperous bookmaker, a trade he had followed during most of his Australian residence (since 1888 at one time having his business headquarters in north-east Victoria not far from Albury)
 Started boxing as an amateur
 Height : 5ft.7.1/2in.

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1883

Oct.12 - W.Kite - Lambeth WP3
 1st series of "Sporting Life" under 16's comp.

Oct.12 - Unnamed friend - Lambeth
 Nodoc.3

Seth's "Bye" in above comp.

Oct.12 - Dave Burke - Lambeth LP3
 Final "under 16's" ("Sporting Life") comp
Note Given as H Seth (Lambeth) but was Ben.

1884

Jan.15 - "Young" Hucks - Walworth EXH3

Apr.15 - George Bermish - Lambeth WP3
 1st series 8st competition

Apr.22 - Billy Herring - Lambeth WP3
 Semi-final 8st. competition

Apr.22 - Dave Burke - Lambeth LP3
 Final 8 st competition

Jul 14 - "Unnamed amateur" - Newington
 Butts EXH3

Dec.2 - W.Keefe - The Borough WRet2
 1st series 8.6 W.Bellamys Silvercup competition

Dec.8 - J.Burry - The Borough N.D.3
 Seths Bye in semi-final of 8.6 comp.

Dec.8 - J. Keefe - The Borough WRet2
 Won final 8st.6.in Bellamy's Silver Cup comp.

1885

Jan.12 - H.Sewell - Lambeth SOFA N.D.3

Note Sewells Bye - 1st series of 8.6 comp

Feb.9 - Tommy Rowan - Newington
 Butts WP3

1st series 8st.comp.

1885 cont'd

Feb.9 - Sam Milner - Newington
 Butts WP3

Won final 8st. comp.

Feb.16 - W.Shepherd - Lambeth N.D.3

Note Shepherds Bye in 9.4. comp

Feb.16 - Dave Burke - Lambeth EXH3

Note both on same show

Feb.23 - George Boner - Lambeth N.D.3

Note Seths Bye in 1st series 8st.6. cup comp

Feb.23 - J.Sewell - Lambeth WP3

Won final 8.6 comp

Mar.9 - Charlie Fordham - Lambeth WRet2

1st series Dave Burkes 8.8.cup comp

Mar.9 - E.James - Lambeth WP3

Won final Dave Burkes 8.8 cup comp.

Mar.10 - Mike Moore - Battersea EXH3

Mar.30 - George Ewen - Lambeth WP3

1st series Jim Kendricks 8.6.cup comp

Note During 1884-1885 credited with winning competitions below none traced.
7-6 competition at The Pheasant, Vauxhall Walk, 8stone competition at Battersea, Sgt. W.Greens 8st. Championship comp. at Clay Market.

Oct.26 Bill Baxter - London
 Private Show WP4
 1st series consolation comp. (extra round)

Oct.26 - Evan Davis - London
 Private show LP3

Final consolation comp.

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Dec.3 – W.Piggott – Walworth WP3
 1st series 9st. comp
 Dec.3 – H.Neale – Walworth WP3
 Won final 9st.comp
 Dec.8 – A.Garwood – Lincolns Inn
 Fields WRet2
 1sr series Sgt.Greens 9st.comp
 Dec.15 – George Spooner – Lambeth WKO1
 1st series Bob Kirby's 9st.comp
 Dec.17 – Gus Bullen – Lincolns Inn
 Fields WRet1
 Won final Sgt.Greens 9st. comp
 Dec.22 – J.Cook – Lambeth WRet2
 Semi-final Bob Kirby's 9st.comp
 Dec.22 – "Deaf" Boome – Lambeth WP3
 Won final 9st. comp

1886

Jan.12 – Dave Burke – Lambeth LP6
 For subscribed 9st. belt
 Feb.8 "Young" Hucks – Newington
 Butts EXH3
 Feb.22 – Ned Flynn – Lambeth N.D.3
 Seths Bye in 1st series of Jack Jones
 9st. comp.
 Mar.1 – Owen Hannen – Lambeth WP3
 2nd series Jack Jones Junior 9st.comp
 Mar.1 – "Deaf" Boome – Lambeth WP3
 Semi-final Jack Jones Jnr 9st.comp
 Mar.1 – Harry Mead – Lambeth WP3
 Won final Jack Jones Junior 9st.comp
 Mar.1 – forfeited trophy to Matt Smith on this
 date, had been due to box over 6 rounds for
 said trophy, but Seth prevented from taking
 part due to 9stone comp of same day.
 Mar.22 – George Giles – Walworth EXH3
 Mar.29 – Dave Burke – London
 Private Show LP6
 Apr.5 – Ted Pritchard – Covent Garden ND3
 (Seth's "Bye" in Archie Ansetts
 9st.6lb. Cup Competition
 Apr.5 – George Giles – Covent Garden WP3
 Won final Archie Arnetts 9.6 cup comp
 Apr.8 – Bill McGrath – Shoreditch WP3
 1st series Jim Handleys 9st.comp
 Apr.8 – Bill Baxter – Shoreditch WP3
 Semi-final Jim Handleys 9st.comp
 Apr.8 – Alf Reid/Reed – Shoreditch WP3
 Won final Jim Handleys 9st. comp
 Oct.11 – Sam Blakelock – Lambeth WP6
 Dec.18 – Dick Leary – Cannon Street EXH3

Dec.20 – George Spooner – Lambeth EXH3

1887

Jan.7 – Tom Euston – Oxford St. EXH3
 Jan.10 – Tom Euston – Lambeth WP6
 Jan.15 – Charlie Cheese – Westminster WRet2
 1st series 9st. comp
 Jan.17 – Failed to turn up for 2nd series of
 above comp. thus giving "Dick Leary"
 walkover
 Jan.31 – Mr. "Ted" White – Clapham
 Junction EXH3
 Feb.3 – Tom Euston – Oxford Street EXH3
 Feb.14 – Dick Burge – Oxford Street WP6
Note Burge's surname mis-spelt as
 "Birch" floored Seth in 1st then put down
 himself in 3rd ("decision was a correct and
 just one")
 Mar.14 – Bill Whatley – Lambeth EXH3
 Mar.26 – Sam Blakelock – Westminster EXH3
 Apr.25 – Bill Cheese – Lambeth WP12
 May.16 – Bill Cheese – Lambeth WP12
 Jun.24 – Mr.H.Skate – Piccadilly EXH3
 Jun.24 – J. Donague – Piccadilly EXH3
Note two exhibitions on same bill.
 Oct.26 – Johnny Walker – Blackfriars EXH3
 Nov.26 – "Sporting Life" appointed boxing
 instructor to Polytechnic A.B.C.
 Dec.31 – "S.L." appointed boxing instructor
 to Cestus A.B.C.

1888

Jan.13 – Sam Baxter – Kennington EXH3
 Jan.30 – Smith – Shoreditch EXH3
 Feb.21 – E.Doland – Kensington EXH3
 Mar.28 – "Sporting Life" H.Mtacham
 (Fulham) claimed a drawn bout with Ben Seth
 but no such bout traced
 Apr.10 – Tom Mallett – Islington WP3
 1st series Ben Hyam "All England"
 10st.2lb (142lbs) championship comp
 Apr.12 – George Wilson – Islington WP4
 Semi-final Ben Hyams "All England"
 10st.2lbs. (142lbs) championship comp
 Apr.14 – Dick Leary – Islington WRet4
 Won final Ben Hyams "United
 Kingdom" 10st.2lbs (142lbs) championship
 comp
 Apr.26 "Sporting Life" stated he'd won 24
 competitions and credited with the untraced
 wins below

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1888 cont'd

Bill Whatley WP

Dave Phillips WP

Note above two wins also claimed in July 20 1888 "Sportsman" also stated to have lost points to Sam Blakelock at West End School of Arms (Bob Habbijars) in Oxford Street (besides win over Blakelock at Lambeth but not traced.

Same applies to two competitions he's credited with winning namely

"George Spooners" competition

"Jim Hawkes" competition

Neither traced.

May.5 - Mr.H.A.Fawcett-Westminster EXH3

May.12 - Connor - Smithfield EXH3

Jun.29 Challenged "World" at 9st.10lbs (136lbs)

Jul.19 - above repeated

Jul.19 - Bill Cheese - Lambeth WRet7

At 9-10 for Silver Belt and £50 purse to a "finish" but doner of purse absent so cut to 12 rounds for purse put up by Bob Kirby.

Give Seth claim to English 9-10(limit)

Title which weight both men were

Aug.20 - George Wilson - Leicester DREW8

Advertised as for English 9-10 (limit)

Title but not over recognised Championship distance - which at this time was considered to be at least 12 rounds.

Aug.31- Left Gravesend for Australia on Orient liner "Austral" on rather short notice by arrangement with Australian gentleman who saw Aug.20 bout.

Oct.13 - Arrived in Melbourne on "Austral" called English 10st.2lb (142lbs) Lightweight Champion - and give interview to the "Melbourne Sportsman" on Oct.16 and challenged any Lightweight in Australia at 10st.(140lbs)

Nov.10 - Jack Hall - Melbourne WKO2(8)

Note stated to be for Australian

Lightweight title but not a recognised title distance and Seth not yet eligible for

Australian title bout - Hall a Englishman also had dubious claim to Australia 10st

"Lightweight" title having really only won a International bout in his Australian debut.

Nov.26-"Torpedo" Billy Murphy- Melbourne WKO6(8)

Note above was Catchweight bout Seth 9-11 Murphys "unknown" but believed to be much lighter .

1888 cont'd

Dec.1 at Sydney challenged by 'Lijah Jackson

Dec.11 - challenged by Jack Fuller

Both challenges in "Australian Star" (of Sydney)

1889

Jul.15 - Harry Downie-Melbourne WKO2(8)

Note promoter withheld payment claiming bout was a "fake" - but referee

"Professor William Miller on being appealed to - give his decision that bout was perfectly genuine - both men on percentage of "gate" hence promoters cry of "fake" (Downie born in Edinburgh).

1890

No record - believe inactive while carrying out his business as a "bookmaker" (turf accountant)

1891

Prior to Aug.17 bout it was stated Ben Seth, had done nothing boxing wise since his July 15 1889 bout with Harry Downie -with the exception of "a stubborn fight on the field" in the Western district with a "local lad" (not named) and he had also had a "trial bout in Adelaide with George Allen - in which he Seth had all the "worst of it"- due mainly to a "accident" at start of bout Allen swinging round and catching "Seth "out" (never recovered from this) (neither above traced)

Aug.17 - Tom Williams - Melbourne LKO2

Note At "C.W" Williams 10.3 Seth 9.9. report very strange - stating "Seth down five times in 1st round - twice for "ten" counts- three times in 2nd round, twice for counts of "ten" and on the last occasion for count of "twelve" when "referee stopped it" in favour of Williams the 2 to 1 on favourite (surely misprint somewhere)

Final bout of Ben Seths career.

1907

Sept.20 "Sporting Life" Ben Seth "now a bookmaker in Balaclava" A suburb of Melbourne - Seth for some years had his headquarters in north-east of Victoria "not far from Albury".

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1922

May 24 "Boxing" Ben Seth is still alive and a bookmaker in Australia – Note last mention of Ben Seth.